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## CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

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(Only for continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/559,347,  
filed on April 27, 2000, entitled MEDIUM WITH NiNb SEALING LAYER.

### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either:  
(1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), 1995, or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with  
35 U.S.C. 371.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be  
filed under CFR 37.1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior  
application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or  
continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the  
applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR  
1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or  
similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the  
specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be  
entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the  
application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on November 2, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior  
nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
  - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
  - a. ☐ PTO-1449
  - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	20 - 20 =	0	X \$(fee:103) =	\$--
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3 - 3 =	0	X \$(fee:102) =	\$ --
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$(fee:104) =	\$ --
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$740.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$740.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$--
	TOTAL =				\$740.00

6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to  
**Deposit Account No. 03-1952** (reference docket no. **146712000400**):

- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

9. ☒ Other: Declaration Under .....

**NOTE:**

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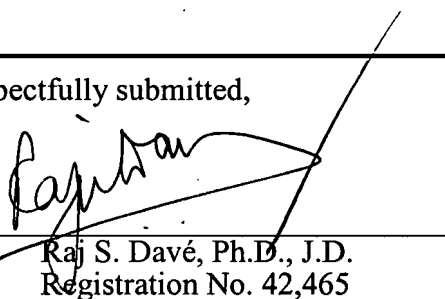
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Respectfully submitted,

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